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Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan Revision
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Management Plan
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument Management Plan

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) nearly complete

We are nearing completion of the Draft Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan Revision and the Draft Management Plans for Grand Canyon-Parashant and Vermilion Cliffs National Monuments (Draft Plan/DEIS). It should be available early this fall on the web at http://www.az.blm.gov/LUP/strip/strip_plan.htm or <http://www.nps.gov/para>.

If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to receive a hard copy or CD digital copy of the Draft Plan/DEIS, please return the enclosed postcard, or email us at Arizona_Strip@blm.gov.

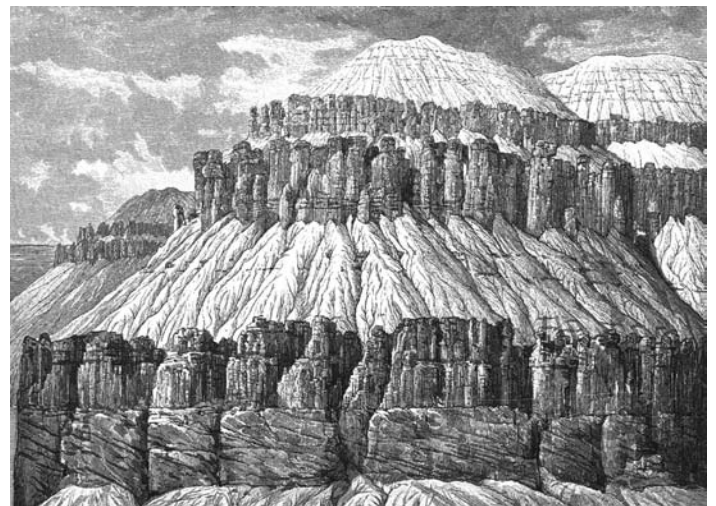
Your previous comments helped draft a range of management alternatives for the Draft Plan/DEIS. Now we need your help in reviewing the entire document and providing written comments. Your comments on the Draft Plan/DEIS would be most helpful if they are specific, mention particular pages where appropriate, and address one or more of the following:

- Identify inaccuracies or discrepancies
- Identify new information that would affect the analysis
- Identify new impacts, alternatives, or mitigation measures
- Make suggestions for improving management direction

NOA and Public Meetings

The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Plan/DEIS will be published in the Federal Register this fall. This will formally announce the availability of the Draft Plan/DEIS. Once this occurs, there will be a 90-day public comment period.

After the NOA appears in the Federal Register, the BLM and NPS will present information on the various management alternatives and answer questions on the Draft Plan/DEIS at public open house meetings in Beaver Dam, Flagstaff, Kaibab Village, Kingman, Page, and Phoenix, Arizona; St. George, Utah; and Las Vegas Nevada.. Specific dates, times, and places will be announced in the local media and on the BLM/NPS web sites at least 15 days before the meetings.



Summary of the Alternatives

- Alt. A** *No Action Alternative:* Current management, as modified by the national monument proclamations
- Alt. B** *Emphasis on minimal human use/influence:* Fewest miles of open roads and trails; focus on natural processes and other unobtrusive methods for ecosystem restoration, resource management, and scientific research; more protection and enhancement of remoteness, and least motorized recreation opportunities and most primitive recreation opportunities.
- Alt. C** *Emphasis on balanced resource protection and human use/influence:* Moderate amount of open roads and trails, mix of natural processes and “hands-on” techniques for ecosystem restoration, resource management, and scientific research; mix of motorized and primitive recreation opportunities.
- Alt. D** *Emphasis on aggressive restoration, greater human use/influence and widest array of visitor experiences:* Most miles of open roads and trails, focus on “hands-on” techniques for ecosystem restoration, resource management, and scientific research, fewer remote settings, most motorized and least primitive recreation opportunities.
- Alt. E** *Preferred Alternative:* Emphasizes minimal human influence and use in the southern and more remote sections of the Planning Area, and more human use/influence while protecting resources in the northern areas and locations adjacent to local communities. Balance of human use/influence with resource protection.

Planning Progress

Public Scoping	May/June 2002
Prelim. Alternative Meetings	June 2003
Draft Plan/DEIS	Fall 2004
Public Meetings	Fall 2004
Proposed Plan/Final EIS	Spring 2005

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